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SUBJECT: EC CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX HARMONIZATION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT UKG
VIEWS ON EC CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX HARMONIZATION ISSUE.
AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, UNDER TERMS OF ORIGINAL EC COUNCIL
DIRECTIVE OF DECEMBER 19,1972, ON TAXES AFFECTING THE
CONSUMPTION OF MANUFACTURED TOBACCO THE UK WAS ALLOWED
TO POSTPONE HARMONIZING ITS TAXES WITH THE EC UNTIL
JANUARY 1, 1978. THIS WAS DONE TO GIVE THE UK
ADEQUATE TIME TO COMPLETE THE COMPLEX CHANGE FROM ITS
PRESENT SYSTEM OF TAXING RAW TOBACCO BY WEIGHT AT
TIME OF IMPORT TO THE EC SYSTEM OF END PRODUCT TAXA-
TION BASED ON THE SPECIFIC COMPONENT/AD VAL FORMULA.

2. ACCORDING TO BOTH HM TREASURY AND HM CUSTOMS. UK
POSITION ON CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX HARMONIZATION REMAINS
UNDER DETAILED STUDY AND NO POLICY DECISIONS ARE
EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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